Strawberry-Carrot Tea Bread

Serves 16 / Instead of trans-fatty margarine or shortening, this treat uses canola oil, rich in monounsaturated fat, for tenderness and texture. Strawberries add natural sweetness; if you use frozen berries, drain all liquid before adding to batter.

Tea Bread

1/2 cup canola oil

1 cup packed brown sugar or sucanat

2 eggs

1/2 cup nonfat vanilla yogurt

1/3 cup water

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1-1/4 cups finely shredded carrots

2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 teaspoon ground nutmeg

1/2 teaspoon ground allspice

1/2 cup finely chopped fresh strawberries

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Strawberry Glaze

1/3 cup puréed fresh strawberries

1/2 cup nonfat vanilla yogurt

3 tablespoons powdered sugar

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350° In a large bowl, mix oil and brown sugar or sucanat with an electric mixer. Add eggs, one at a time, blending well. Add yogurt, water, and vanilla while continuing to beat. Add carrots and blend.

2. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, and allspice. Add dry ingredients to carrot mixture, blending for 2 minutes until batter is smooth. Gently fold in strawberries and walnuts.

3. Pour batter into a lightly greased and floured 12-cup tube or bundt pan. Bake 50–55 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool and invert onto a serving plate.

4. For glaze, mix puréed strawberries, yogurt, and powdered sugar in a small bowl. Drizzle entirely over cooled cake, or reserve to drizzle over each serving.

Per Serving: 240 cal, 37% fat cal, 10g fat, 1g sat fat, 27mg chol, 4g protein, 34g carb, 1g fiber, 93mg sodium

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